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### The Lie Detector

In answer to your editorial, "The Hole in the Polygraph," which began, "That uneasy feeling many of us have entertained toward the polygraph." That "uneasy feeling" is greatly over-shadowed by those cases where innocent individuals have been cleared by the polygraph.

True, Dr. Stefan T. Possony may have served U.S. intelligence agencies for 18 years, but please note that the polygraph has been used for over 40 years to protect us and our democratic way of life. Thousands of German prisoners during World War I took polygraph examinations.

In 1930, the first crime laboratory in the U.S. was started by Northwestern University with a polygraph examiner on its staff. It was used extensively during World War II and the Korean War and in 1962 alone, several thousands of Cubans, applying for positions within the U.S. Army, were tested. Just how many of Castro's agents were spotted has never been revealed, but it can be presumed it was a considerable number.

Certainly, an occasional sexual deviate or trained counterspy may confuse an examiner, but compared to over-all accuracy, these exceptions are practically non-existent. I wonder if you, the Moss Committees and the Dr. Possonys really are aware of what you are doing to the reputation of one of the most effective weapons we have in clearing the innocent and exposing the subversive and criminal.

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